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Resource Conservation and Development Highlights for 2005

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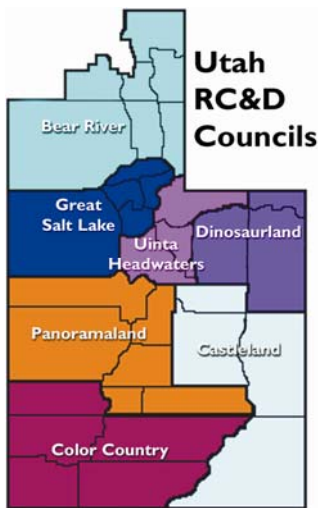
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Helping Meet Utah's Rural Development Needs

The seven Resource Conservation and Development Councils of Utah are working hard to achieve greater economic opportunity and growth for the rural communities in all areas of the state. The following page shows a few examples of activities that are making a difference in Utah.

What is RC&D

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) is a program that helps local people utilize, conserve, and protect their natural resources in a way that enhances environmental and economic conditions in the community. Local citizens and community groups work cooperatively to plan and carry out beneficial projects.

Locally Led Program

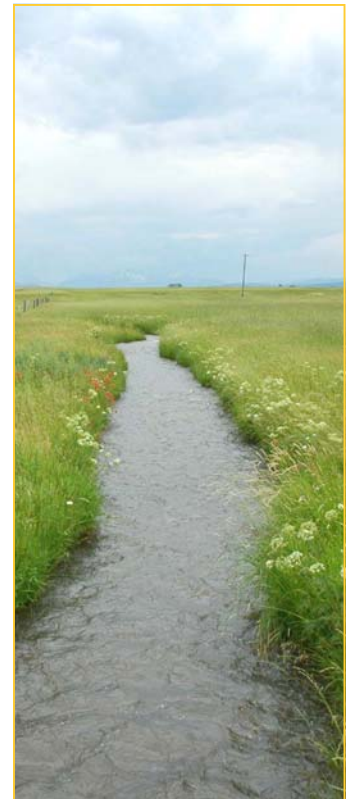
No one knows better than local citizens what their most urgent community needs are. Because of this, local people create and organize their own RC&D areas, define their own goals, and work with public and private entities to achieve their objectives. People make the choices for their community in the areas of land conservation, water management, environmental enhancement, community development, or any other unique issue.

How Does it Work

Program services are provided through local Councils made up of volunteers. RC&D councils identify needs and then plan projects to address them. They draw upon public and private resources for funding and technical expertise. RC&D councils in Utah also receive technical and organizational support from USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, which assigns a coordinator to help them plan their activities and provide project assistance

Value to the Community

One of the valuable assets of Utah RC&D Councils is their ability to leverage local funding. Looking at several RC&D activities, such as the noxious weed control program, it's estimated that for every RC&D dollar to support those programs, they return an estimated \$8 in outside funding.



*Water quality and quantity is
one of the major goals of the
Utah RC&D Councils.*

Highlighted activity from the seven Utah Resource Conservation & Development Councils:

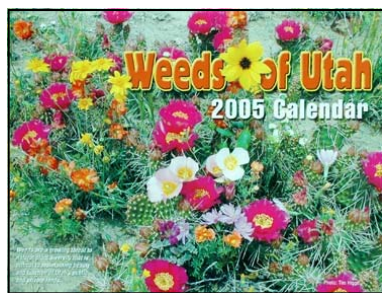
Bear River RC&D

A \$10,000 grant allowed resurfacing of an eroded access road to a youth and family camp site maintained by the Council. The Franklin County Road Dept. added \$6,771 in local in-kind and cash contribution to the project. The cooperative conservation project will benefit many campers in Northern Utah for years to come.



Castleland RC&D

This progressive Council helps coordinate the production of nearly 8,000 copies of the annual Weeds of Utah calendar, aimed at showing Utah residents how to slow the spread of noxious weeds. State legislators received their



own personal calendar. Working with state agencies and an equipment grant from the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Council has treated 6,000 acres of Russian Knapweed in their own area.

Color Country RC&D

To promote tourism along Scenic Byway 12, a corridor management plan was developed that led to its earlier designation as an "All-American Road." In 2005 the Council developed a Master Signage and Interpretation Plan that helps explain the historic, cultural, archaeological, natural, recreational, and scenic values to both visitors and residents. Future plans include a staffed nonprofit organization to install interpretive exhibits along the 124-mile corridor.



Dinosaurland RC&D

The Council's PAWS-On program (Plants, Animals, Water and Soil) continues its hands-on conservation education efforts in the class room through the partnership of the local conservation district. More than 6500 pre-K - 12 grade participants have gained insight about the world of agriculture conservation through this program. More than 25 partners help the Council conduct annual water and weed conferences to help local producers with current material and alternatives for better production.



Great Salt Lake RC&D

The remote town of Ibapah—home to the Goshute Indian Reservation—needed bleachers for their elementary school. The Council applied for and was awarded a Communities Facilities Grant from Rural Development for \$3,000 with a match from Tooele School District for \$1,000. The money was used to install three sets of bleachers that now provide seating for many important community events such as pow-wows and ball games.



Panoramaland RC&D

The Bullion Canyon near Marysville developed an effective wildfire protection plan with help from the Council and state and federal agencies. Two demonstration sites show defensible space applications and an information packet at town meetings helped explain what rural residents can do to protect their



personal property from wildfire. Council assistance is now being sought by other communities.

Uinta Headwaters RC&D

"The Market" is a Council project that helps keep agriculture alive in the Heber Valley, and provides affordable, fresh produce for residents. In it's third season, this farmer's market operates every Thursday from June to September. Vendors from throughout the Wasatch front participate. Sponsors include the Rotary Club, KTMP Radio, and Heber City, which helps keep costs down by paying some of the health department fees.



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